

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

Claim 1. An apparatus for recording image or other data in real time, comprising:
a capture device for capturing the image or other information;
a local verification device for indelibly marking the captured image or other information
with the date, time, location and information identifying the creator of the data;
5 a transmitter for transmitting the locally verified captured image or other information in
real time to a secure storage facility; and
said capture device receiving and verifying acknowledgment of the receipt of the
transmitted locally verified captured image or other information to the storage facility.

Claim 2. The apparatus of Claim 1 where the said capture device is a digital camera.

Claim 3. The apparatus of Claim 1 where the said capture device is a video camera.

Claim 4. The apparatus of claim 1 where said local verification device comprises geographical
position and time-of-day determination (GPS) receiver.

Claim 5. The apparatus of Claim 1, and further comprising a secure signature authority for
transmitting a representation of the locally verified captured image or other information to a Certification
Authority (CA) for certification thereof and return of a certificate of authority, which is merged with and
becomes a part of said locally verified captured image or other information .

Claim 6. The apparatus of Claim 1, and further comprising an encryption device for encrypting the
locally verified captured image or other information preior to transmission thereof.